

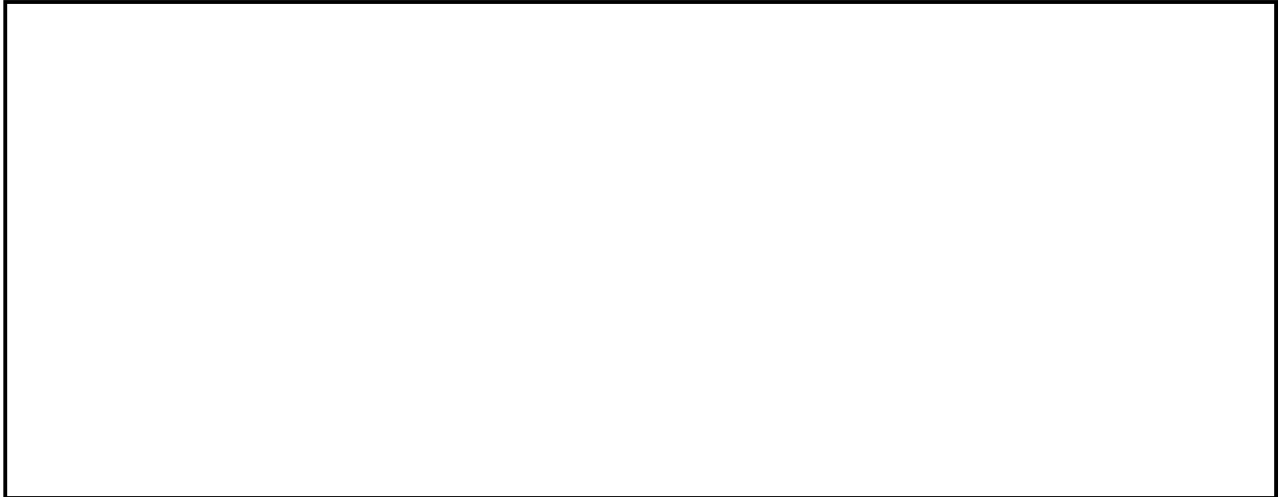
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25. Nasser and the Communists

Nasser and his propaganda organs have denounced Communist parties in the U. A. R. and the Arab world for working against Arab unity. In so doing they have drawn a meticulous distinction between local communism and the Soviets, saying that the latter have always been honorable in their dealings with the U. A. R. Shortly after the U. A. R. and the Soviets signed the Aswan High Dam aid agreement, U. A. R. security forces arrested hundreds of Communists in Egypt and Syria. The Soviets have the capability of reacting by halting arms shipments to the U. A. R. or failing to implement aid programs, but thus far they have been cautious. Their propaganda response has refrained from direct attacks on Nasser. East German Premier Grotewohl visited Cairo and signed an agreement for exchange of consular offices with the U. A. R. Grotewohl's jubilant announcement also said the two countries were in agreement on all international issues. The U. A. R.'s announcement as the visit ended pointedly omitted any such statement.

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26. Suppression of Religion in East Germany

As in other Soviet Satellites in Eastern Europe the churches in East Germany both Evangelical, with a membership of approximately 82% of the population, and Catholic represent one of the most stubborn centers of resistance to Communist indoctrination and ideology. As such they have been the target of a series of repressive measures sponsored by the East German Regime ranging from propaganda attacks charging "imperialism", "war-mongering", "militarism", all the way to large scale arrests and imprisonment of Church leaders on such vague charges as "anti-regime activity". Over the past year these attacks have increased in frequency and intensity.

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The Republic of Cuba's new government was firmly established last week under provisional President Manuel Urrutia. The new government has been recognized by the United States and most of the nations of the world. Urrutia has announced that his government will rule by decree until national elections are held in 18 months or two years. The 26 of July Movement is now the dominant political group, and its leader, Fidel Castro, is the most influential figure in the new regime. The return of political stability will probably be hampered by divisions between the 26 of July Movement and other rebel groups, including the Communists, and by the expected machinations of old-line politicians like former President Prio. Urrutia's cabinet, however, contains several respected and responsible members, as well as some political unknowns. Thus far there are only a few inconclusive indications of the government's policies. Our major objectives are to (1) encourage the development of a stable political system in Cuba along democratic representative lines and (2) reduce and eventually eliminate Communist influence in the area.

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Anastas Mikoyan has completed a two and a half week tour of the United States, during which he visited most of the major cities and talked with most of the leaders of government, business, labor and press. U.S. press, radio and television covered in minute detail every aspect of his visit during which he attempted, with some success, to create the illusion of a man speaking with friendly candor about the desire of his government to ease international tension and promote world peace through contacts, trade and reasonable political propositions. With the exception of some heckling by Hungarian exiles, firm talk from U.S. labor leaders, and a remarkably small number of exacting questions from the press, Mikoyan's reception by the people of the United States was warm and friendly. Despite a position in the United States government against bi-lateral talks with the USSR, Mikoyan succeeded in holding discussions with the Secretary of State lasting nine and a half hours and with the President for another hour and a half, much to the alarm of major U.S. allies. Mikoyan's main thesis, which has been picked up by Soviet propaganda, is that he has found that the American people, even including the capitalist business leaders, are desirous of an end to the Cold War, and that the only remaining barrier is a few leaders in Washington.

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From January 5 through 10 the International Congress of Jurists met in New Delhi. More than 150 eminent jurists from 53 countries attended. At its close the conference issued a document, to be known as the Declaration of Delhi, calling upon lawyers of all nations to work for implementation of the concepts of individual rights and of independence of the judiciary and the legal profession. The Congress adopted the following program to be carried out by its sponsor, the International Commission of Jurists: (1) to employ its full resources to give practical effect throughout the world to the principles of the rule of law; (2) to give special attention to countries in the process of establishing, organizing or consolidating their political and legal institutions; and (3) to encourage law students and junior members of the legal profession to support the rule of law.

Another document released by the conference secretariat describes the Chinese Communists' systematic destruction of the independence of the judiciary. The conference opened with a speech by Prime Minister Nehru, and delegates were welcomed by M. C. Setalvad, India's attorney-general. Invitations to the meeting were not sent to Communist countries or to Spain or Portugal. South Africa was unrepresented.

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~~SECRET~~**30. Soviet Economic Exploitation of East Germany**

Depressed East German living standards, which contrast glaringly with West Berlin "show window" prosperity, stem directly from Soviet exploitation of East German industry. Examples of this are these facts: about 75 percent of GDR foreign trade is with the USSR-controlled bloc; East German industry cannot operate at full capacity without Soviet-supplied raw materials for which the GDR pays one-third more than world market prices, while the USSR buys GDR manufactured goods at one-third less than world market prices; Leipzig Fair prices are quoted in rubles, not marks; Soviet "loans" and "credits" are investments to assure the continued collection of disguised reparations; and Soviet imposed policies of industrialization and collectivization of agriculture have caused East Germany, once a food exporter, to become an importer.

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